

In the Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A tray, comprising a an open-ended, non-tapered cavity with a rib protruding into the cavity, wherein said cavity is open-ended at both ends, wherein said tray and said rib are constructed of a substantially rigid material.
2. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 1, wherein the tray comprises of a plurality of said open-ended cavities.
3. **(original)** The tray of claim 2, wherein the cavities are of uniform size and shape.
4. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 2, wherein the cavities are of a shape selected from the group consisting of
 - a) Polygons with angled sides;
 - b) Ovular;
 - c) Circular; and
 - d) Non-angularly shaped objects.
5. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 1, 2, 3, or 4, comprising a plurality of ribs protruding into the cavity or cavities.
6. **(original)** The tray of claim 5, wherein the ribs are of uniform size.
7. **(canceled)**
8. **(original)** The tray of claim 5, wherein the ribs are evenly spaced.
9. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 5, wherein the ribs are positioned around the cavity or cavities at intervals.
10. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 5, wherein the ribs are longitudinally positioned along the walls of the cavity or cavities, parallel to the walls of the cavity or cavities.
11. **(currently amended)** The tray of claim 10, wherein the ribs extend along the entire length of the walls of the cavity or cavities.

Claims 12-24. **(canceled)**